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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 5755

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TAGS: PFOR, TS, LY

SUBJECT: REPORTED QADHAFI DESIRE TO ATTEND DESTOURIAN
PARTY CONGRESS

REF: TUNIS 5637

1. A KNOWLEDGEABLE TUNISIAN SOURCE HAS GIVEN US A SOMEWHAT
DIFFERENT EXPLANATION FOR FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI'S
QUICK DEPARTURE FROM TRIPOLI FOLLOWING HIS ATTENDANCE AT
THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO THIS
SOURCE, WHEN CHATTI FIRST MET WITH QADHAFI, LATTER SAID HE
WANTED TO ATTEND DESTOURIAN PARTY CONGRESS AT MONASTIR AND
GIVE AN ADDRESS. CHATTI SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REFER THIS
BACK TO TUNIS AND WENT TO HIS HOTEL IN TRIPOLI TO MAKE
TELEPHONE CALL
AUTUQLDUIBA. WHEN LATTER HEARD OF QADHAFI'S
PROPOSITION HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD CHATTI:
"DISPARAIS" (GET LOST). AS JUSTIFICATION FOR HIS SUDDEN
DEPARTURE FROM LIBYA, CHATTI TRUMPED UP EXCUSE THAT
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HE WAS RECALLED SUDDENTLY TO HANDLE TURKISH FOREIGN

MINISTER VISIT.

2. COMMENT: REPORT HAS PLAUSIBLE RING.

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